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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO IRAQ BY AMCITS

1. BARRING DETERIORATION OF GENERAL SITUATION IN AREA, BELIEVE THAT TRAVEL TO IRAQ BY AMCITS SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED. RECENT BUSINESS VISITORS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND EXPERIENCED NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS. BUSINESSMEN COMING FOR FIRST TIME OR TRYING TO SELL PRODUCTS WHICH IRAQ NOT INTERESTED IN IMPORTING FROM U.S. MAY GET COLD TREATMENT AS IN PAST.

2. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE AMERICAN AND WESTERN TOURISTS AND RESIDENTS EXPERIENCED NO DIFFICULTIES DURING WAR OR ITS
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AFTERMATH. TRAVEL TO NORTH IS INADVISABLE BECAUSE OF KURDISH

PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH GOI HAS ISSUED NO BLANKET PROHIBITION ON SUCH TRAVEL. GOVERNMENT ROADBLOCKS EXIST THROUGHOUT KURDISH AREAS AND TRAVEL NOT PERMITTED IF SITUATION IN PARTICULAR AREA CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

3. OFFICIAL USG VISITORS, WHETHER ON BUSINESS OR TOURISM, SHOULD CONTINUE TO INFORM USINT IN ADVANCE IN VIEW GOI SENSITIVITY ABOUT VISITING OFFICIALS. IN MOST CASES, BELIEVE MAIN DIFFICULTY LIKELY TO BE OBTAINING IRAQI VISA.
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